

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated September 21, 2005, the examiner rejects claim 1 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. The Examiner also rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the Applicants regard as the invention. Finally, the Examiner rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,108,637 to Blumenau.

By way of the present Amendment, Applicants hereby cancel claim 1 without admission and without prejudice, thereby rendering the above-identified rejections moot. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn. Applicants further present new claims 2 through 4 by way of the present Amendment. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 2 through 4 is believed to be in order, and a timely Notice of Allowance to this effect is respectfully requested. To expedite prosecution of this application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the applicants' undersigned representative to discuss any issues relating to this application.

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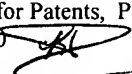
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